

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
FABRICE PINARD : EXAMINER: MCNALLY, D.
SERIAL NO: 10/589,577 :
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A :
COMPOSITE PART

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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SIR:

I, Fabrice Pinard, a citizen of France, hereby declare and state that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the present application, titled "Method for Producing A Composite Part."
2. I am an employee of Arcelormittal France and my job title is Manager Business & Product Development.
3. I have been working in the field of composite parts for 7 years.
4. I have reviewed U.S. Patent No. 5,590,558, to Saunders et al.
5. In lines 34-37 of column 9 in Saunders et al., recites that the preselected tooling clearance between a punch 62 and an interior wall 68 of the die 60 "is at least about the thickness of the coated can stock."
6. I interpret Saunders et al. as requiring the clearance between the punch 62 and the interior wall 68 of the die 60 to be equal to or greater than the thickness of the coated can stock.

7. It is my opinion that other persons of ordinary skill in the art would interpret Saunders et al., as requiring the clearance between the punch 62 and the interior wall 68 of the die 60 to be equal to or greater than the thickness of the coated can stock.

8. Saunders et al. does not describe the clearance between the punch 62 and the interior wall 68 of the die 60 to be less than the thickness of the coated can stock.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

10. Further declarants saith not



Fabrice Pinard

19 FEBRUARY 2010

Date